

1. *What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?*

Practiced law in Canada and Indonesia. Negotiator for UN peacekeeping mission in East Timor. Co-founded, ran NGO Level Justice. Executive Director of the Banff Forum.

2. *Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?*

I have been living in Ottawa Centre since 2002.

3. *What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?*

Vice President of Glebe Community Association. Board member, Elizabeth Fry Society of Ottawa. Coached my kids' soccer teams. Masters swimmer with YMCA.

4. *In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?*

The Tragically Hip have been a big influence on my life, I grew up listening to them and going to concerts with friends. The line from the song "Ahead by a Century"; "No dress rehearsal, this is our life" is something that comes to mind when I think about why engaging in politics matters, as hard as it can be sometimes.

5. *What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?*

Jean Chrétien. His success as a politician is based on a common-sense attitude towards politics: he trusts the Canadian people. He gave me the best advice I've received about how to approach difficult decisions (and many have come across my desk). He advised, "Canadians are reasonable, so be reasonable." I keep this

in mind every day. Another is Irwin Cotler, a former Minister of Justice and Attorney General. He was my professor at McGill Law and has been an important mentor both when I worked as a lawyer on human rights issues and in helping me be true to myself in politics.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

I hear about the need for climate action every day at the doors. The Liberal plan puts a national price on pollution, which took political courage in the face of Conservative politicians spreading misinformation and unsuccessfully fighting it in court. It is also the first thing Andrew Scheer says he would get rid of. Our plan includes a coal phaseout and just transition for workers, banning single use plastics, and historic investments in public and active transportation (including the Flora Footbridge and the LRT). What sets our plan apart from the other parties is that it is real, ambitious, and feasible.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

You deal with disillusionment by engaging people. I never stop knocking on doors and listening to residents - student dorms to seniors' housing to private homes - more than 100,000 doors this year. I'm proud that in 2015, Ottawa Centre had the highest voter turnout in the country and residents here are very engaged. It's one of the reasons I run on a local platform. National issues are important, but it's just as important to focus on local issues that respond to the interests and concerns with residents here. I delivered on all the promises I made in 2015 and I will again if re-elected.